

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

----- MEETING SUMMARY -----

*Public Health Auditorium
1601 East Hazelton Avenue
Stockton, CA 95205*

Thursday, August 8, 2002 – 7:00 a.m.

<<APPROVED>>

1. Commencement of Meeting

Roll Call: Commissioners Dei Rossi, Flenoy-Kelley, Gutierrez, Mitchell, Vera and Fujii were present. Commissioners de Polo and Snider were excused. Commissioner Adubofour was absent. A quorum was declared.

2. Program Coordinator's Report

Announced the resignation of Jeff Riddick and advised the Commission that she will be making an Informational Report on Prop. 10 to the County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, August 13, 2002.

Highlights of report included:

Working with Child Care Planning Council along with community members on the Child Care Initiative.

Systems Integration clarification of terms used to describe this process. School Readiness clarification letters moving forward with great cooperation from the involved schools.

Account Technician I has been approved and the Staffing Committee will be included in discussions.

October meeting will have the annual report for public hearing.

Questions included clarification on Child Care Training Consultant position, which will be to work with applicants on assessments of their needs and the grant writing process and a request for specific staff salaries instead of the pay range was made. Anticipated media issues regarding the name change from Children and Families Commission to First 5 San Joaquin, will be addressed with Rogers + Associates, the Commission media consultants.

3. Presentation of Annual Evaluation Report - Harder + Co.

Pablo Stansberry from Harder + Co. Community Research, summarized the written reports the Commission had received at the last Commission meeting. The reports contain early outcomes from some contractors and all contractors

have baseline data and are now collecting data for input. There are three phases to the evaluation approach; 1) concept of using existing tools or adopting new tools and 2) incorporating short-term outcomes to build provider capacity and 3) will be the web based reporting system (OCERS) implementation.

Complements were given to the Program Coordinator's organization and leadership of the San Joaquin County Children and Families program with the "budding" collaborations between agencies. In his experience, this is unique to San Joaquin County. The assigned cluster groups of contractors are instrumental in this integration as agencies have yet another opportunity to work together.

Nicole Humphrey provided an overview of the outcomes that have been collected for this year. Contractor ability to collect and interpret program data has been strengthened. The quality of evaluation implementation can be improved and steps towards that goal are being enacted for next year from lessons learned this year. Positive client gains are being reported throughout all the funded programs.

The question of including this information in our publicity campaign was addressed, the annual report will include these items as part of that publicity.

4. Motion on Consent Calendar

Item 4f was pulled from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

- a. Approve Meeting Summary for July 25, 2002
- b. Approve Program Coordinator Recommendation for AmeriCorps
- c. Approve Round 1 Year 2 Funding Recommendations
- d. Approve Program Coordinator Recommendation to Adopt First 5 San Joaquin as its New Overarching Program Identity
- e. Approve Program Coordinator Recommendation to Extend School Readiness Consultants Contract

Motion to Approve the Consent Calendar Items a through e (Dei Rossi/Flenoy-Kelley; motion carried 6-0)

- f. Approve Program Coordinator Recommendation for Confidentiality Policy
Discussion included clarification of the purpose and intent of the form. The form is required to enter data into the OCERS web based reporting system. Mandated reporting issues bring up the possibility of creating a barrier to receiving services. County Counsel Mike McGrew stated this is a compliance issue with the existing contracts with Public Health and it is being worked on at a staff level and is prematurely before this Commission. Concerns about the wording of the form and trust building issues were expressed and suggestions were made to change the form. Program Coordinator requested the form be approved in concept and individual contractor concerns be worked out on an individual basis. County Counsel confirmed the request as a viable course of action.

Motion to Approve Program Coordinator Recommendation for Confidentiality Policy with the sentences "I understand that all services provided will remain confidential, and in the situations where confidentiality cannot be honored, I have been informed of those situations" and "Refusal to consent to the entering of information into the computer system will not result in the denial of services" bolded on the form and a report back from the Program Coordinator at the next regularly scheduled meeting in regards of how she is going to address some of the concerns that Commissioner Mitchell brought forward which is this causing an impediment to the provision of services to the clients (Gutierrez/Flenoy-Kelley; roll call vote: Dei Rossi - aye, Flenoy-Kelley - aye, Gutierrez - aye, Mitchell - nay, Vera - aye, Fujii - abstained, motion carried 5-1)

5. Public Comments

Irwin Staler, Executive Director of Delta Health Care, explained his agencies policy and training procedure on the confidentiality vs mandated reporting issue. Most of the contact they have with clients is in clinic or classroom settings with some home visits. So far they have been able to build trust within the confidentiality guidelines.

Carlos Bonilla, community member, discussed a situation in San Francisco domestic violence clinic at University of California. San Francisco had a difficult time treating abused women when they realized that the fellow would be reported and might go back to prison, they refused to be treated. He believes that this type of confidentiality form will be an impediment to the provider if they feel there would be repercussions. He suggested that some research be done on how San Francisco surmounted this problem.

6. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Vera requested that future year 2 funding recommendations include a list of each evaluation, instead of the entire form, with an added space for monitor comments on programs.

Commissioner Flenoy-Kelley asked for clarification of the policy on sponsorship for community events. She was informed that the sponsorship application was sent to the Black Family Day and clarification was made that amounts in excess of the standard \$1000 required a completed application along with a letter to the Commission with the requested amount brought before the Commission.

Chair Fujii reminded the Commissioners that the Commission Comments section of the agenda is an opportunity for Commissioners to tell about promotional opportunities they have had to promote the Commission.

7. Adjournment to **October 10, 2002, 7:00 A.M., Public Health Auditorium, 1601 E. Hazelton Ave., Stockton, 95205**

Motion to Adjourn (Dei Rossi/Gutierrez; motion carried 6-0)